

# The Social World

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**TOOTH TALLIES . . .** Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, president, shows a model tally to be used at the Torrance Woman's Club card party tonight to Mesdames J. P. Montague, left, and K. D. Figgins. Score tabs will take tooth form, half with happy and half with sad faces, to symbolize the Torrance Dental Health Association, which will receive all proceeds. Affair will be held at various homes in the community beginning at 8 p.m. Mrs. V. D. Benard, assisted by the above women and Mrs. Paul F. Vonderahe, is chairman. (Herald photo)

## Sobadas, Los Fiestadores Stage Dance

Both clubs rated the affair a "huge success" when Sobadas and Los Fiestadores combined memberships for a spring dance at Portuguese Bend Clubhouse last Saturday night. Mrs. E. E. Clayton, one of the principals on the committee, reported this week.

Decorations carried out the Easter motif, with an Easter egg tree centering the entrance hall table and each guest receiving a decorated Easter egg as a name tag. Dance rhythms, including several of the milder pattern, were provided by Ted Christian's orchestra, and the nearly 50 couples attending were dressed in best semi-formal attire.

"Both clubs enjoyed the event so thoroughly that we are talking of sponsoring a similar one each year," Mrs. Clayton said. "However, definite plans must wait until new committees are elected and the entire membership of each group is contacted."

Responsible for dance arrangements were the E. E. Claytons, R. C. Mortons, Marie Richardson, and G. M. Easthams of Los Fiestadores and the Paul Roettgers, Lawrence Derouins, and Wally Moody of the Sobadas.

## SATURDAY

### NURSES SET BAKE SALE

The Vocational Nurses Alumni of Harbor General Hospital will conduct a baked goods sale starting at 9 a.m. next Saturday, Apr. 24, according to the press chairman, Mrs. Effie Bunin, R.N.

Booth will be located in front of Caldwell's Dept. Store at 831 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington.

## AFSIS Gets \$125 From THS Students; Ham Brunch Set

Students of Torrance High School this week donated \$125 from the student body fund to aid the Torrance Chapter American Field Service International Scholarship (AFSIS) bring two foreign students to spend their senior year of schooling at Torrance High and live as "adopted" members of an average American family in



**A STUDENT AFFAIR . . .** Jim Donnette, vice-president of the THS student body presents a \$125 check to Mrs. M. M. Schwab, chairman of the American Field Service International Scholarship, while Miss Doris Popovich, commissioner of group control, looks on. Money, along with contributions from other organizations and funds raised at an AFSIS committee-sponsored breakfast Saturday, will help bring two foreign students to the local high school for next fall's term. (Herald photo)

two homes in Torrance. Check was presented to Mrs. M. M. Schwab, AFSIS chairman, by Jim Donnette, student body vice president, upon the absence of the president Greg Jenkins, after Miss Doris Popovich, commissioner of group control, told the story of the project. Miss Popovich is the daughter of Mrs. J. E. Popovich, who is ways and means chairman for AFSIS.

The foreign students, upon returning to their native countries (along with 398 others this coming school year) will act as envoys of the democratic way of life and the need for understanding among nations, according to Mrs. Evar Jansson, press chairman.

These exchange students have proved to be a great stimulus to the high schools throughout the United States in which they have been enrolled since the program began in 1947. Mrs. Jansson continued. The homes in which they live and the students themselves are well cared through the National AFSIS office at the early part of the year before they arrive in the United States to start school in the fall, she said.

Two other Torrance organizations have swelled funds for this community-wide project. Mrs. Jansson reported. Twenty-five dollars has come from Torrance Council PTA, and an additional \$20 has been received from Torrance High School PTA.

Between \$600 and \$950 must be realized soon to bring the two students here for next fall's school term, the publicity chairman said. Total amount will depend on the countries from which the boys or girls will come, and success of the project will be determined not by separate organizations but by the effort of the community as a whole, she added.

The chapter committee is calling upon all citizens for support in its first fund-raising project, a complete ham brunch to be served at the YWCA Saturday, Apr. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Popovich and her co-chairman, Mrs. Willard Keys.

Teen-age girls from Tri-Hi-Y will serve the meal. Also to assist at the event are members of the Hi-Y Club and chapter committee members, Mesdames Schwab, Jansson, Grover C. Van Deventer, Samuel V. Rauss, Dean L. Sears, and Miss Carmelita Rous.

Tickets for the affair, priced at \$1.25 each, are available from community organizations or from committee members. Local merchants have been very cooperative in donating food and tickets for the project, Mrs. Jansson said.

Any group desiring further information or a speakers' service may contact Mrs. Schwab at FAirfax 8-1391 or Mrs. Rauss at FAirfax 8-6345.

After the rites, the wedding party gathered for dinner at the Moulin Rouge, adjourning at midnight for a party at Jack Wheeler's Show on KTTV.

Basile, son of Mrs. Lena Basile, 1824 Gramercy Ave., graduated from Torrance High School in 1946. He raced at CERRILL Speedway from 1947 to 1950 and since that date has been track manager there.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. Nelle Archer of Glendale, graduated from Glendale High School in 1945 and is currently employed in production control at Northrop Aircraft Co. She has been a resident of Gardena for the past 10 years.

The pair plan to combine business and pleasure after June 1, when they will depart for a honeymoon in the East. On the trip, Basile will tour Eastern race tracks to pick up new ideas for the proposed new speed track in this area.

The newlyweds are now at home at 3152 Hollywood Dr., Apt. 2, Inglewood.

## Creative Family Living

By Dorothy L. Law



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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF LIFE** (second in a series of five on patterns of growth and development).

The keynote of the first five years of life is the remarkable physical growth of the child. Your child grows more in these first years than in all the rest of his lifetime. This means in terms of growth his development centers around learning to handle himself on a physical level. Walking, co-ordination, use of the hands, communication, accepting restriction, yet at the same time striking out for new frontiers are only a few of the areas in which he must develop.

**INFANT NEEDS LOVE**

He remains pretty much in the "self stage" of emotional development. His needs are many and, of course, he is most helpless and dependent upon his environment during the first year of his life. We feel these first months of life can set the stage for either healthy or unhealthy responses to the environment in the coming years. . . . it is of vital importance therefore that the infant feels secure, loved, and wanted by those who care for him.

He is most responsive to the feelings and attitudes of those about him. He needs cuddling and other forms of demonstrative affection as well as attention to his physical needs and wants.

**NEEDS MOTHER**

The mother is the central image for the first two years of life (and continues to be the greater influence throughout the years of development). Gradually father, brothers, and sisters, etc., are included as his perspective widens. At approximately 18 months to two and a half years, the first break with the mother figure occurs.

It is often a period of frustration for both mother and child if it is not properly understood. The child begins to resist the environment and this period is often referred to as the "negative stage." It is the self of the child rising, his spark of individuality showing forth; he wants to try it "his way." It can be made an easier period if the mother recognizes it as a step forward in maturity rather than a private war with her.

**TODDLER NEEDS GUIDANCE**

As soon as he begins walking, his need to explore, to investigate, handle and touch objects commences to assert itself. This is a natural stage of development, and the child should be helped to learn about this big world in which he lives, its pleasures and its dangers alike, as lovingly as possible.

The child's first learning experiences are in the home, not the school. First learning experiences which are harsh and rigid can often set into motion factors of fear and pain which can actually affect the child's later approach to new experiences in school as well as in adult life.

**NEEDS GROUP EXPERIENCES**

In the latter half of this life period, the child begins to include others in his world—relatives, neighbors, playmates, etc. His vistas grow larger. He gradually learns the fundamentals of group play which lays the foundation for later school relationships—respect for property rights, sharing, waiting one's turn, group rules, looking out for the other fellow, etc. These are as you recall groundwork only; full maturation in these areas takes many more years.

Two to five is an excellent time for nursery school experience or child observation groups, etc. Naturally those with too rigid a structure are to be avoided. It's a long step from bassetette to kindergarten; the young child is impatient, forgetful (so, are eight-year-olds). His attention span at five is perhaps a little more than five minutes. His moods and reactions are intense and dramatic. He is expansive and outgoing at two and four, more organized and sure of himself at three and five.

**AGE LEVELS NOT NORMS**

Other stages of growth and development will be elaborated next week. The age levels discussed are in no way to be taken as norms, since each child has his own rate of development. We only wish to chart the overall picture of growth, and naturally children vary one from the other in this process.



**MR. AND MRS. DON BASILE** . . . Married at Friday Rites

## Tonight Senior Club Slates Card Parties for Dental Health

Seven homes in the Torrance area will be opened tonight when the Torrance Woman's Club sponsors a dessert card party to raise funds for the Torrance Dental Health Association.

Mesdames H. J. Osborne and Hugh Bowman are combining hostess talents to entertain at the Osborne home, 3026 Torrance Blvd., while out on Beech Ave., the president-elect, Mrs. Ray, in Seaside Ranchos will be hosted by Mrs. James Shidler, 23053 Doris Way.

Card play will begin at 8 p.m. and prizes will be awarded for high score in all games. Serving of refreshments will climax the evening, which is under the general chairmanship of Mrs. A. E. Palmer.

Clubwomen saw the work the event's proceeds will help continue when they gathered yesterday for a luncheon at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. A representative from the Association presented a film on the operation of the Dental Health Clinic here.

Other highlights of the meeting included a report on the American Field Service International Scholarship by the chairman, Mrs. M. M. Schiwab, and a comedy skit by Primrose DeLooney (Mrs. Doug McClay) to boost interest in the Hobby Arts, and Flower Show, set for May 21, 22, and 23 at the Civic Auditorium.

**MYFERS ATTEND SUNRISE SERVICE**

Last Sunday MYFers of the First Methodist Church here observed Easter by attending sunrise services at Green Hills Memorial Park in San Pedro. Following the service, the young people returned to the church for a bacon and egg breakfast.

Other highlights of Easter week were a potluck dinner, attended by about 30 MYFers, on Apr. 11, and a "Come as You Are" breakfast on Apr. 18.

## ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN CDA POETRY CONTEST

Hazel Lock and Fred Martin captured top honors in the lower and upper divisions of the current poetry contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America when the local Court St. Catherine judged entries at its regular meeting last Monday night.

Winning second and third prizes in the fourth through fifth grades section were Charles Garrison and Michael Mott, while receiving similar awards in the seventh- and eighth-grade group were Michael Whitte and Kathy Lopez. Sandra Dercuin and Betty Sue Allred won honorable mention in the two divisions.

Winners will now vie for prizes in the state contest. Naming of Mrs. F. T. Allred as trustee to replace Mrs. Donald Cowden also featured the session. Mrs. Allred, together with Mesdames Noel Hayward

The Rev. Arthur E. Bello, Mrs. Bello, and the church secretary, Mrs. Irene Swenson, also will be present, along with members of the vestry and other church organizations.

The entire congregation is urged to attend this Friendship Tea so that all may get better acquainted. Jean Davis, publicity chairman, said.

**PLAN SPRING BREAKFAST**

Plans for their annual spring breakfast, to be held at The Palms next Sunday, Apr. 25, are being completed by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America.

Members will gather at the picturesque restaurant following 8 o'clock morning mass at Nativity Catholic Church. Featured as guest speaker will be Joseph Lorenzen, parole and probation officer at the state prison on Terminal Island. Father Edward Sullivan, prison chaplain, and Father P. J. McGuinness, Court chaplain, also will be on hand to greet guests.

Table decorations will carry out the Court colors, purple and gold, according to the chairman, Mrs. Lyle J. O'Hara, who is being assisted by Mesdames Ann Miller, Michael Donisch, and Robert Allred.

and Lyle J. O'Hara, will draw up a suggested slate of officers to be presented at the May meeting.

Mrs. John F. Gitscher will represent the Torrance court at the state convention, to be held May 20 through 23 at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, while serving as alternate delegate will be Mrs. J. J. MacDonald.

At the close of the meeting, Mesdames Allred, O'Hara, Michael Donisch, and Ann Miller, who also are planning next Sunday's annual breakfast, (see story above), were hostesses at a coffee hour.

Mrs. Gerald Loew opened her Eldorado St. home for a recent board meeting where plans for the April activities were charted. Also included in this week's activities was a past grand regents dinner at the Catholic Women's Club in Los Angeles.



**PURPLE AND GOLD . . .** will be the color motif for programs at a Sunday breakfast planned by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, at The Palms. Using creative talents to make the pamphlets are, left to right, Mesdames Lyle J. O'Hara, Michael Donisch, and Ann Miller. Mrs. Robert Allred also is assisting with arrangements. (Herald photo)